otokomae! promotion

This is Kotoko.
She's holding Yuri-chan's hair.

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someone I like, but...
There is
open
My neighbor and childhood friend.
It's this person Sakurai Kotoko (18)
She's one year older than me.
G'MORNING YUUJI!
HEY,
noh! noh!
SFX NOM NOM
KOTOKO-SAN,
GOOD MORN-ING
I see you're here.))))
OH
UM
FIDGET
BECAUSE YEAH OF A BUSI-NESS TRIP, I GUESS I'M STAYING WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN
SORRY TO BE A BOTHER
YOU CAN STAY HERE WHENEVER YOU LIKE
Ah
Eat up Kotoko-chan
All right!

It's the kind of situation where you should fall in love
When a boy and girl of that age end up under the same roof.
17 or 18...
She usually stays with us when her parents are away on business trips.
Because Kotoko-san's parents both work and she visits us a lot.
However, she is
SHUT
WHO-ARE?
RUSTLE
A really odd person who likes girls.
RUS-TLE
DARN IT, MY PRIZED POSES-SION...
RUSTLE
KOTOKO-SAN
RUSTLE
This is the history of my twelve years of unrequited love.
Umemori Yuuri, 17 years old.

My beloved Kotoko-san.
Head of the kendo club.
the splendid winner of two Inter-high championships.
Has a dignified bearing, clear eyes
a graceful figure, an incisive mind
and besides all that
kya
kya
She's so pretty
KOTOKO-SENPAI!!
KOTOKO-SENPAI, GOOD MORNING!
Please look this way
I MADE YOU A BENTO!
SEN-PAAAAI!
I BAKED COOKIES FOR YOU, PLEASE EAT THEM!
WHAT'S WRONG, YOU LOOK PALE
ARE YOU SHORT ON SLEEP?
OH!
TOUCH

I... I NEEDED TO FIX IT, AND STUFF, SO...
LAST NIGHT I MESSED UP THE COOKING PREPARATIONS
AH, THAT IS, UM.
blush
I... ALL NIGHT
haha
HOW SWEET
YOU MADE IT WHILE THINKING OF ME. THAT ALONE WILL MAKE IT DELICIOUS
KOTOKO-SENPAI...
SFX: KYAA
flutter
flutter
flutter
She has an incredible popularity with girls that any guy would be proud to have
She just has the aura of a really hot guy
Every morning at the main gate (the boys and girls)
DID YOU HEAR? ALL THE OTHER SCHOOLS CALL THIS PLACE ZUKA HIGH
...

COME ON, CAN'T YOU SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO IF ALL THE GIRLS ARE FAWNING OVER ANOTHER GIRL?
BECAUSE YOU STOLE ALL THE GIRLS AWAY
US GUYS ARE REALLY SUFFERING!
BUT Y'KNOW
WHEN I SEE SOMETHING CUTE, I JUST WANT TO GLOMP IT, AND KIND OF PET IT SOFTLY LIKE THIS, AND THEN, LIKE, STICK IT IN MY POCKET...
She's so odd...
shine
YUUIRI
ANYONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO PROTECT CUTE THINGS MIGHT AS WELL BE FROM OUTER SPACE
AND EVERYTHING ABOUT GIRLS IS CUTE
Too
too handsome!!!
I... I can't take it... If I don't do something soon...!
SPARKLE SPARKLE
QUEEN OF ECCENTRICS
SINCE KOTOKO-SAN IS A GIRL TOO, YOU'RE CUTE, AREN'T YOU
THEN
A MAN WHO WANTS TO PROTECT YOU
THERE IS...

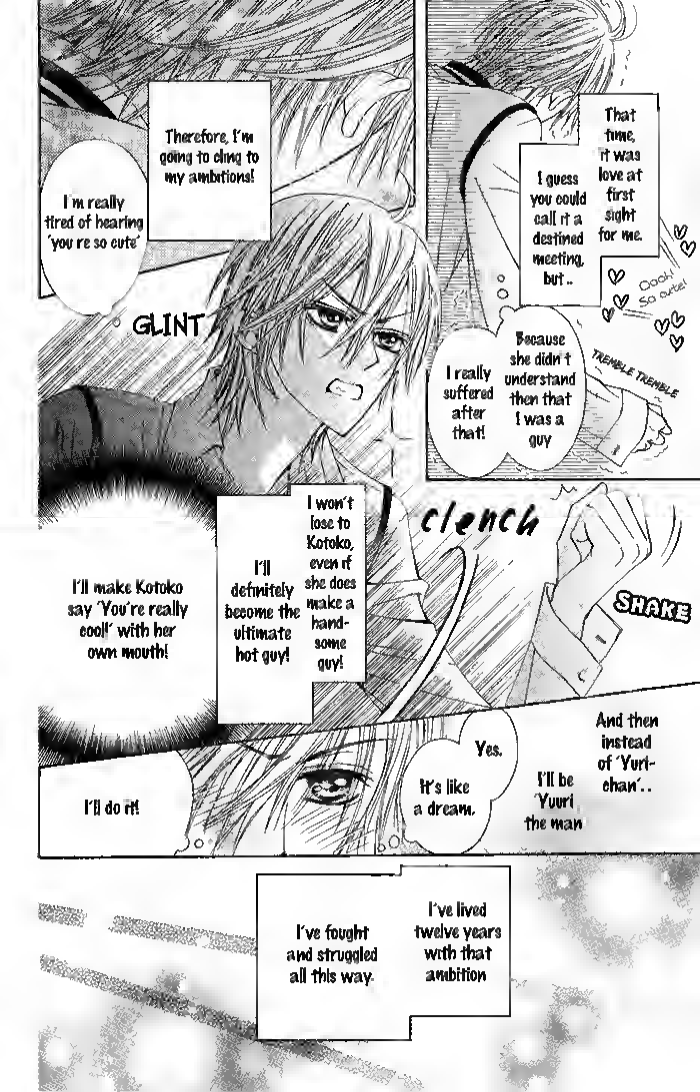
STAB
ONE
HMPF
WHAT ABOUT ME
IS THERE TO BE PROTECTED?
WAY TOO STRONG
A con called "cooling" words?
KOTOKO-SAN
YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE!
What's with her?
YOU'RE SO DUMB, YUURI!
Kotoko-san... really doesn't understand anything.
GRIP
THERE'S NOBODY OUT THERE LIKE THAT.

I'm right here...
WHAT'S THIS?
Come to think about it, our first meeting was bad.
I CAN'T SEE YOUR FACE
Really cute though!
YOINK
WOW... I'M SUR-PRISED
INTE-REST-ING
C'MON, SAY HELLO
IS SHE THE KID WHO JUST MOVED IN?
When I was young, I was really quiet and cried easily. I was small and weak, and I was born with a really girly face.
SNIFF
UH UM MY... MY HAT
My mom used to stick me in girl's clothes for fun.
Might as well say it— I was a beautiful girl
G-GIVE IT BACK, PLEASE?
SNIFF
HI
Yuuri, 5 years old

CATCH
flutter
SLASH
WH
WHAT!?
WHOA!
STAND
SWISH
WHAT KIND OF MEN ARE YOU, GANGING UP ON ONE KID?
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED!
Kotoko, 6 years old

So strong!
So cool!
Wow.
she's like a prince.
OH,
YOU!
Hm?
YOU'RE LIKE A LITTLE PRINCESS!
S-so cuuute!
sparkle sparkle

I TOOK THEM ALL AWAY THIS MORNING, SO HOW COME YOU'VE GOT THOSE PHOTOS AGAIN!?
HEY, WAIT WHA—
DON'T YOU DARE CALL ME YURI-CHAN!
MY 'YURI-CHAN COLLECTION' IS A LOT LARGER THAN JUST THAT...
YOURI ↓ YURI-CHAN
FLIP
WHITE SKIN
DAINTY LEGS PEEKING OUT FROM UNDER YOUR SKIRT.
SOFT EYES,
PINK CHEEKS,
LONG EYE-LASHES,
!!?
Huh?
RUSTLE
I CAN'T BEAR IT
MEETING YUURI THEN
MUST HAVE BEEN DESTINY!
He's just too cute!
WHY ARE YOU EMBARRASSING YOUR SON LIKE THIS!?
MOM!
I GAVE HER COPIES OF EVERYTHING ON AN SD CARD!
Oooh you're really cool today too, Kotoko-chan
YOU'RE LOVELY TODAY AS WELL YUMIKO-SAN
Yumiko (my mom) 39 years old.
AND YOU, KOTOKO-SAN, DON'T JUST COME INTO SOMEBODY'S HOUSE AND FLIRT WITH THEIR MOTHER!


I've lived twelve years with that ambition
I've fought and struggled all this way.
I'll do it!
It's like a dream.
Yes.
I'll be 'Yuuri' the man
And then instead of 'Yuri-chan'..
I'll make Kotoko say 'You're really cool!' with her own mouth!
I'll definitely become the ultimate hot guy!
I won't lose to Kotoko, even if she does make a handsome guy!
clench
SHAKE
I really suffered after that!
Because she didn't understand then that I was a guy
TREMBLE TREMBLE
I guess you could call it a destined meeting, but..
That time, it was love at first sight for me.
Oooh! So cute!
I'm really tired of hearing 'you're so cute'
Therefore, I'm going to cling to my ambitions!
GLINT

Little by little, I trained my weak body
I grew stronger with each passing year.
While I had been short, I grew taller
I even became five centimeters taller than Kotoko
I earned top marks in sports and academics.
And in yesterday's election
I gained enough popularity to be chosen as the student body president
My face that used to look just like a girl's
is now a face that all the girls go wild over
OH, IT'S THE PRESIDENT!
PRESIDEEENT!
THE SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S ALMOST HERE.
I'm so excited!
THEN I GUESS I'LL END UP VOTING FOR HIM
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE HE'S GOTTEN SO MUCH COOLER LATELY?
He's growing up!
ISN'T HE THE HOTTEST?

SLAM
THANKS, GUYS.
PRESIDENT WE'VE FINISHED PUTTING UP THE POSTERS FOR THE SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL
EVERYONE SEEMS REALLY EXCITED, IT'S GREAT!
CROWDING
The Spring Flower Festival happens every three years.
It's an event based on a legend of our school.
SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL
ELECTION FOR THE
OUR SCHOOL'S MOST
CHOOSE A HANDSOM
YOUR PARTICIPA
DATE.
PLACE.
STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICE
Long ago when this country was still in the feudal era
There was a very handsome young lord
who became enamored with an earth goddess the Princess of Spring Flowers.
The lord built a beautiful mansion for his beloved
and the couple swore their love upon it.
As the story goes, that mansion eventually became our school campus.
MOOM
ku ku ku
FINALLY
THE TIME THAT I CAN SHOW EVERYONE HOW ATTRACTIVE I AM HAS COME

blush
kiss
KOTOKO-SAN...!!
I didn't notice before! My god!
YOU'VE BECOME VERY ATTRACTIVE
...Yes..
That's what I want!
HEART POUNDING
I can finally grasp the results of this twelve years' journey to manhood!
If I can be chosen, then even Kotoko will finally recognize me as a man.
IN THE ELECTION, THE STUDENTS CHOOSE THE MOST HANDSOME BOY IN THE SCHOOL
AND THEN HE CHOOSES A GIRL TO PLAY THE PART OF THE PRINCESS OF SPRING FLOWERS!
THEY PRESENT THE REINCARNATION OF THE LOVERS FROM THE LEGEND
It'll be quite the show!
VOTE FOR PRESIDENT
Considering the results of the student body elections
There's no one in my way!
AND BESIDES THAT
THE YOUNG LORD AND THE PRINCESS OF SPRING FLOWERS REMAIN A COUPLE MORE THAN 95% OF THE TIME
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE IT'S A TIME WHEN THE HOTTEST GUY IN THE SCHOOL GETS TO CONFESS FREELY
Isn't that nice?
If I were chosen
That's right, there's that, too.
and then I choose Kotoko-san as the Princess of Spring Flowers...
YUUKI.

Ko-
Kotoko-san is my rival!!?
IT LOOKS LIKE THE PRESIDENT AND KOTOKO-SENPAI ARE GOING TO BE BATTLING HEAD-ON FOR THE ROLE OF THE YOUNG LORD
MOVING ON... WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE INITIAL POLL??
PANTING
I should work my way there gradually...
kiss
Isn't kissing her hand a little too bold?
No, no, no, wait a second.
blush
!!?
YOU SEE, THE YOUNG LORD ROLE HAS NO GENDER RESTRICTION...
IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT WHOLE 'ZUKA HIGH' THING...
ALL BECAUSE OF 'ZUKA HIGH'
BUT ISN'T KOTOKO-SAN A GIRL!?
WHAT!?
CLICK
HEEEY, YUURI!
I'm not scared. Really I'm not.
The time I've longed for!
DOING STUDENT COUNCIL WORK...
TAPPITY
TAPPITY
the time has come to show that I'm a man who won't lose to Kotoko-san!
Everything's turning really strange

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON SO LATE?
Stu-dent Council work still?
K-KOTOKO-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU WEAR-ING
She even looks hand-some in pa-jamas
I'M OUT OF THE BATH
Yuuko-san said to come get you.
STAR-TLED!
SHOCK
Huh?
So
close.
SFX HEARTBEAT
Her smooth
hair is still damp.
She is still softly warm from the bath.
Hand.
Kiss her hand
Kiss...
SFX PULL

OH
...I'M SOR-R
OH SURE
?
I'LL GO TAKE THAT BATH NOW.
SFX. CLATTER
But.. Kotoko-san
Aaaahhh, I must have looked so weird!
Don't be an idiot!!
Acting out your delusions like that
You made yourself look really bad just now!
Are you still a middle-school brat?
Wha what were you doing, stupid!!
SFX RUNNING
SFX AAAAAAARGH!

SFX BUMP
LIWAA!
PASS ME THE TOOTH-PASTE
WHAT-CHA READIN'?
WAAA!
?
SFX RUSTLE ZX
WAA!
HEY
YUU
It's the prez! He's back!
I avoided touching Kotoko-san at all after that
Now that I think of it,
She didn't even smell all that nice!
Stupid, stupid
And.. the least attractive guy in the world.
GLOOM
Right now I must be the biggest idiot in Japan.
I'm so stupid
CLATTER
thump
Oh.
WHOOPS.
YUU—
My long-held ambition
of having Kotoko-san tell me 'you're so cool' will..

SFX: PUSH
DASH
YUURI
YOU'RE ACTING REALLY STRANGE LATELY.
HUH?
HEY, YUURI!?
THE PRESIDENT IS REALLY FAST, ISN'T HE?
won- er what hap- pened
HEY, SPEAKING OF THE PRESIDENT.
I HEARD HE REJECTED SOMEONE WHO CONFESSED TO HIM.
HE SAID THERE WAS SOMEONE HE REALLY LIKES
AND SHE'S REALLY CUTE
AND IF IT'S NOT THAT GIRL, HE WON'T HAVE ANYONE.
NO WAY, WHO?
SFX: KYAA

好きなもの

チョコレート と
コーヒー

ああ もう
なんて幸せな
くいあわせ…♥

HUH?
Now she's going to pick the girl who gets to be the Princess of Spring Flowers.
SQUEEZE
grab
I'VE CALMED DOWN, SO STOP PULLING AT ME!
ALL RIGHT, I GET IT!
and of course Kotoko-san gets all the fun again.
GRAB
KOTOKO-SAN?
KO-

とありかかり
4
なあること
気づいたら
DVD
10 巡目。
もう10回もラブラブを
観ちゃってる…!!
ぱっ
ムンスー!!
AH?
blink
SO…
I'VE DECIDED ON THIS GIRL
AS THE PRINCESS.
Yoshino Kumi
Student Council Secretary lonely girl in the Student Council
WHA?
Kotoko-senpai! Member
You're giving her such an important part!
WHAAA-AAT!?
Huh? She's kind of acting ...?
different than usual
KO-
KOTOKO-SA—
SHE'LL TELL YOU ALL A-BOUT THE SPRING FLOWER FESTI-VAL
LET'S GO
Eeee!
No way!
grab
flush

MOM AND DAD BOTH SAID
THAT I SHOULD LOOK AFTER THE HOUSE WHILE THEY WERE GONE
KOTOKO 6 YEARS OLD
IF A ROBBER BREAKS IN,
I'LL BEAT THEM UP, SO IT'LL BE FINE!
OH
IS THAT SO
Hey Hey
GOING TO KEEP COMING HOME LATE?
SAY, ARE YOU!
OH, KOTOKO-CHAN?
SINCE MAIKO-SAN CAME BACK EARLY FROM HER BUSINESS TRIP
SHE WENT HOME
HER MOM
After that, I was very busy preparing for the Spring Flower Festival
KOTO-CHAN, WHY DIDN'T YOU COME OVER.
KOTO-CHAN,
click
YUUKI 5 YEARS OLD
CHAN
KOTO-CHAN
Because Kotoko-san was chosen for the part of the young lord, more and more girls were following her around
I couldn't get close to her
I tried texting and calling
but she never replied.

The person who I like
is really strong and cool
but sometimes...
HMMM...
THEN I'LL STAY HERE WITH YOU UNTIL YOU GET TIRED OF BEING LONELY.
Maybe another ten minutes?
I...
I'M NOT GOING TO GET LONELY OR ANYTHING!
And acting very strong too.
She's really, really cute.
LET'S GO.
fwish
fwish
heartbeat
SFX: BOLT AWAKES

Back then, Kotoko-san...
THAT JUST NOW
IT SEEMED LIKE SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT
thump
thump
thump
was pretending to be strong?
DRESS UNIFORM COSPLAY
click
EXCUSE ME,
KOTOKO-SENPAI?
chatter
Wow.
SENPAI, IT'S PERFECT!
IT'S REALLY COOL!
ZUKA HIGH CONVERTS!

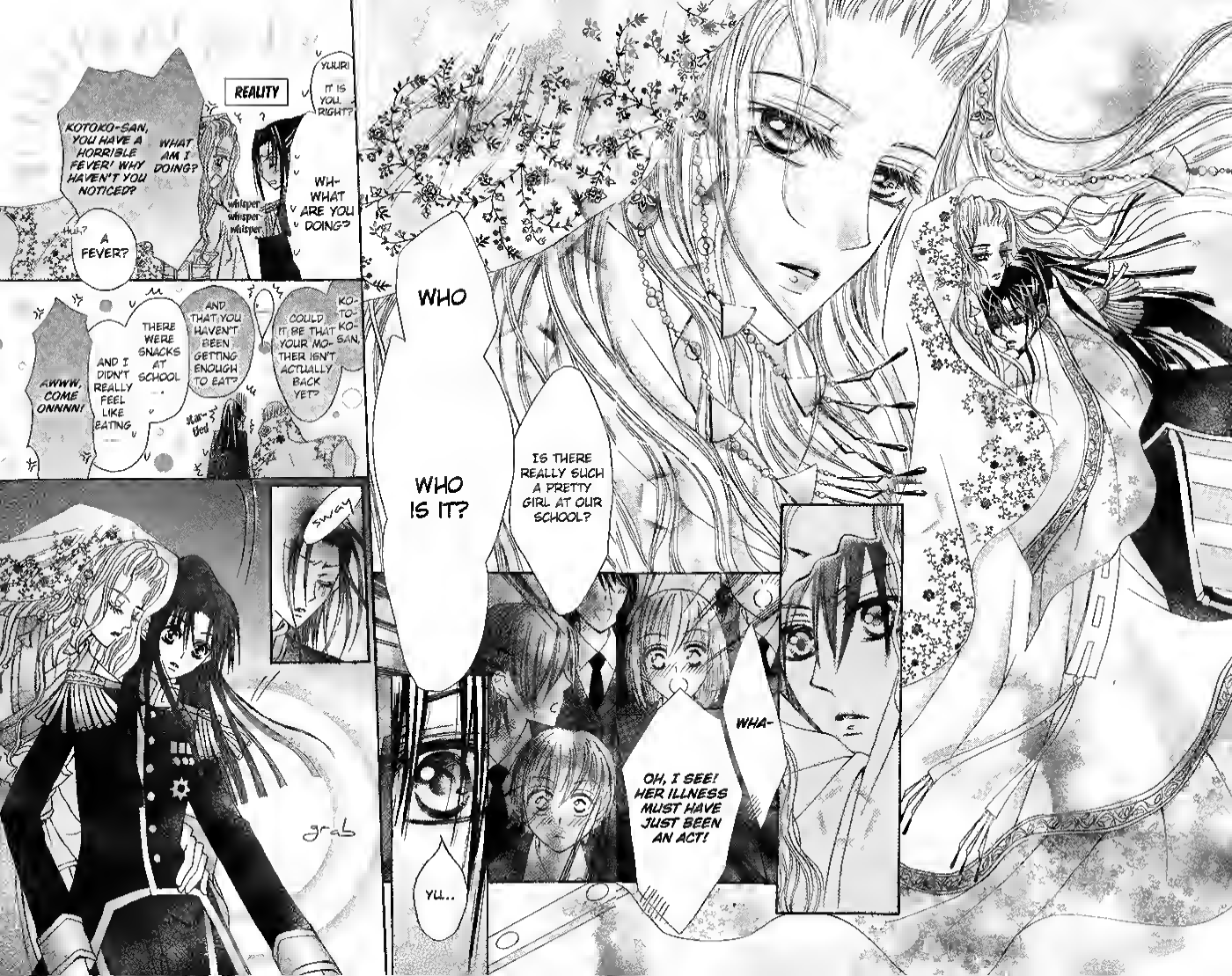
SFX HEARTBEAT

SFX: DOKUN
dokun
dokun
dokun
WHA—
SOME-ONE VERY CUTE
AND YOU WON'T HAVE ANY-ONE EXCEPT FOR THAT GIRL
What is this? Why is she talking about my love life?
SORRY I DIDN'T REALIZE...
No way... she... she kno—
THAT'S WHY
No...
YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME ISN'T IT?
IT MUST BE HARD TO SHARE A ROOF WITH YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHEN YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE
stands
KO-TOKO-SAN,
IT'S NOT THAT! WAIT, LISTEN TO ME...
Huh?
WH-WHAT —?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IT'S THE REASON
YOU DON'T WANT TO TOUCH ME, ISN'T IT?
SFX: GRAB

YOU...
LET GO...
KOTO—
SHOCK
A terrible fever...
KOTOKO-SAN!
SFX: BAM

chatter
chatter
EH? THERE'S NO ONE THERE.
YOSHINO-SAN MUST HAVE DE-CLINED.
SENPAI? WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE PRIN-CESS...
chatter
chatter
AND NOW, THE NEXT ARRIVAL!
THE LOVELY PRINCESS OF SPRING FLOWERS CHOSEN BY OUR LORD IS...
Sway
TAP
KOTOKO-SENPAI!!
SEN-PAI!
KOTOKO-SENPAI!
oomph
SFX KYAAAA

SFX CLENCH
DAM-MIT.
UGH.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WAITING, EVERYONE!
AND NOW WE PRESENT THE SPRING FLOWER FESTIVAL!
Spring Flower Festival
AND AS THE DAZZLINGLY HANDSOME YOUNG LORD WE HAVE THE PRIDE OF OUR SCHOOL
SAKURA! KOTOKO!
SFX KYAA

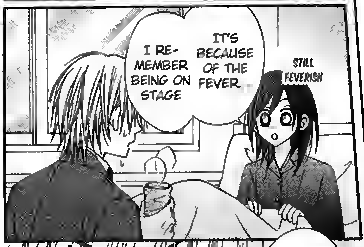

REALITY
YUURI
IT IS YOU, RIGHT?
WHAT AM I DOING?
KOTOKO-SAN, YOU HAVE A HORRIBLE FEVER! WHY HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED?
whisper whisper whisper
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Hu..?
A FEVER?
AND I DIDN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE EATING —
THERE WERE SNACKS AT SCHOOL —
AND THAT YOU HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT?
COULD IT BE THAT YOUR MOTHER ISN'T ACTUALLY BACK YET?
KO-TO-KO-SAN
AWWW, COME ONNNN!
Hun-Hun
Swish
grab
WHO
WHO IS IT?
IS THERE REALLY SUCH A PRETTY GIRL AT OUR SCHOOL?
WHA-
OH, I SEE! HER ILLNESS MUST HAVE JUST BEEN AN ACT!
YU...

LEAN ON ME.
THAT WAY YOU'LL BE ABLE TO STAND.
UM. Y'KNOW, I—
YOU WERE BEING STAND-OFFISH WITH ME
AND THEN YOSHINO WAS ALL OVER YOU
WHEN I SAW THAT—
I'M NOT SURE WHY
I DIDN'T CARE HOW
oh!
I JUST WANTED TO GET HER AWAY FROM YOU.
Kotoko-sen-
Lyana

SO... I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY ANYMORE
YOU CAN GO BE WITH THAT 'REALLY CUTE PERSON THAT YOU LIKE'.
THAT WAS REALLY CHILDISH
Why is she pretending to be strong?
HMM, SO THAT'S IT.
WHEN I WAS AVOIDING YOU
WERE YOU LONELY?
!?
NO... THAT'S NOT—

Aah, it's no good
I like Kotoko-san.
I WOULDN'T GET LONELY OR ANY-THING
!?
I really really like her.
Kotoko-san.
Though Kotoko-san wouldn't care to hear it
I
it's her.
I have a cute thing that I want to protect -
BECAUSE, IF I HAD TOUCHED YOU THEN
...I..
KOTOKO-SAN,
I'LL TELL YOU WHY I WAS AVOIDING YOU.

touch
WOULD HAVE ENDED UP DOING... SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
HUFF
HUFF
BECOMES A LITTLE DEVIL WHEN CROSS-DRESSING (HAS NO CLUE)
BACK TO EVERYONE WATCHING...
(they can't hear)
YOUR FEVER'S RISING
SHALL WE KEEP GOING A LITTLE LONGER?



Uwaaa

WHO IS IT!?

Uwaaa!

Kyaaa

After that, Kotoko collapsed as soon as we made it offstage.

The mysterious beauty vanished and she became quite a mystery

Because of all that the Spring Flower Festival was cut short right at the climax

That.. since there wasn't a lot leading up to that
I must look like I dressed up like a girl and went on stage just to get at her; that's pretty pathetic.
OH, UM, KOTOKO-SAN
A-ABOUT THAT, THAT K-K-K-KISS, IT WAS—
YOU MADE A REALLY CUTE PRINCESS OF SPRING FLOWERS YUURI
IT WAS A GOOD SHOW
SEX SPLASH
Oh, here it comes...
AND ALSO—
IT WAS COOL.
slip
SHOCK
Huh?
LIWAA!
Finally, my great ambition will—
HEY, KOTOKO-SAN, AGAIN!
SAY IT AGAIN!
Cool!
LIKE I THOUGHT, YOU'RE REALLY NICE, YURI-CHAN
doki doki
doki doki
touch
doki doki doki doki doki

Huh?
What?
...
UNTIL NOW I USED TO LIKE THE PRINCESS YURI-CHAN, BUT
I'VE FIGURED OUT THAT THE COOL YURI-CHAN IS PRETTY GOOD TOO!
What's this?
toki
toki
toki
To sum up all this.
It seems like
these twelve years
have only made her think of me even more as 'Yuri-chan'.
Waaah!
so where has my 'path to becoming an attractive guy' led me?
Umemori Yuuri, 17.
My unrequited love story... is beginning to brighten up?
There is
a person I like, but...
WHAT? WHYYY?
YOU KNOW WHY!
LIM, KOTOKO-SAN,
COULD YOU MAYBE STOP DOING THAT?
Not that it does much good to say it.
You started it!
Otokomae! / End

SFX SPARKLE
I really like the eccentric Ketoko giving her speech in the background.
HER REJECTION WAS UNANIMOUS
Comments!